

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 8562

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served February 16, 2005

BELLAH RELIABLE TRANSPORT, INC.,)
Suspension and Investigation of)
Revocation of Certificate No. 648)

Case No. MP-2004-205

This matter is before the Commission on respondent's response to Order No. 8524, served January 24, 2005.

Under the Compact, a certificate of authority is not valid unless the holder is in compliance with the Commission's insurance requirements.¹ Commission Regulation No. 58 requires respondent to insure the revenue vehicles operated under Certificate No. 648 for a minimum of \$1.5 million in combined-single-limit liability coverage and maintain on file with the Commission at all times proof of coverage in the form of a WMATC Certificate of Insurance and Policy Endorsement (WMATC Insurance Endorsement) for each policy comprising the minimum.

Certificate No. 648 became invalid on November 17, 2004, when the \$1.5 million WMATC Insurance Endorsement on file for respondent terminated without replacement. Order No. 8427 noted the automatic suspension of Certificate No. 648 pursuant to Regulation No. 58-02, directed respondent to cease transporting passengers for hire under Certificate No. 648, and gave respondent thirty days to replace the expired endorsement or face revocation of Certificate No. 648. Respondent submitted a \$1.5 million replacement endorsement on December 16, 2004. The effective date of the new endorsement is December 7, 2004. This means that respondent was without insurance coverage for twenty days, from November 17, 2004, through December 6, 2004.

Under Commission Rule No. 28, respondent is required to verify that it ceased transporting passengers for hire under Certificate No. 648 as commanded by Order No. 8427. We gave respondent thirty days to furnish proof that respondent ceased operations as of November 17, 2004. Inasmuch as respondent's only tariff is for service rendered to clients of the District of Columbia Department of Health, Medical Assistance Administration (DC Medicaid), proof that respondent ceased operations would need to include confirmation from DC Medicaid.

¹ Compact, tit. II, art. XIII, § 7(g).

On February 3, 2005, respondent filed an affidavit confirming that respondent ceased operating as of November 17, 2004. The affidavit is corroborated by DC Medicaid's agent for processing carrier invoices, ACS State Healthcare. Based on the evidence, the suspension shall be lifted and this proceeding terminated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS YATES AND MILLER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William S. Morrow, Jr.', is positioned above the printed name.

William S. Morrow, Jr.
Executive Director